





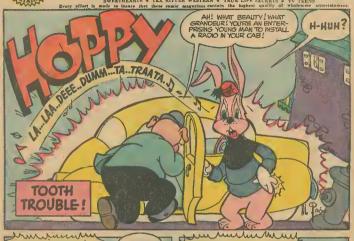
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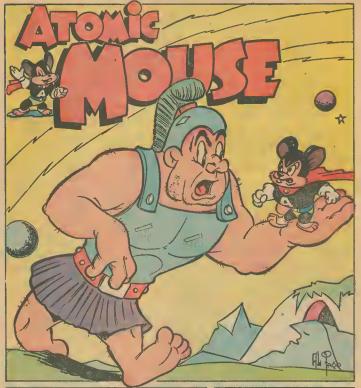


















































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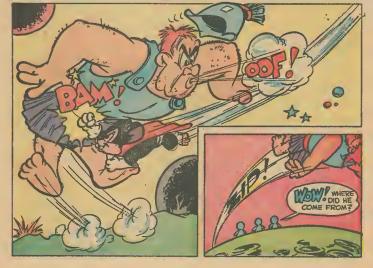




























AT YOUR NEWSTAND NOW!



"Bucky's Sour Hour"

The sound of a little girl robbit crying awake Old Oscor Owl rather suddenly from his usual doytime nap. Old Oscar was at his regulor perch high in the biggest ook tree in Happy Forest, when he awake. He could tell it was Pinkle Rabbit fram his high perch, but he didn't know why she was cryina.

Old Oscar was one own who really wanted to know everything, so that he could live up to his reputation as a wise old own. With this thought in mind (and also because he did want to help), Old Oscar futtered down to the base

of the big oak tree.

"Hellooo, Pinkle. Why oll the tears? They won't help your troubles ony. Bout all they're good for is to help water my oak tree, not even then they don't help much!" declared Old Oscar.

"I know, Mr. Owl," sobbed Pinkie Rabbit, "but I con't help it. Bucky Bunny splashed mud all over my new dress as he passed on his bicycle."

"Oooo, come now, Pinkie, it con't be os bad as all that) Dresses con be washed, and o quick rinse will moke that one as good os new," soid Old Oscar.

"That Isn't whot's reolly making me cry, Mr. Owll" wailed Pinkie, "Whot makes me mad is that he didn't even say he was sarry! He just hod a sour loak on his faco and rode off!"

"Ohooool," ohoed Old Oscar, "So that's sit Why, little Bucky has been sour on wamon for quite owhile now, yesireebab, quite awhile." Old Oscar sald this wisely, as if woiting for Pinkie to ask him more. He was proud of his knowledge of everything that hoppened in Happy Forest and enjoyed hoving peaple (and especially little girl robbits) ask his advice and opinions.

"You meon he isn't just mod at me? He just doesn't like girls and women?" asked Pinkie. Pleased now — for this gave Old Oscar a

chance to tell o story — the wise old owl adjusted his glasses o bit ond then soid, "Noooo, Pinkie, Bucky isn't mad ot you in porticular, but at women in general." The wisdam of this statement made Old Oscar's feathers fairly bristle with pleasure. He went on.

"It isn't a long stary, but it Is an interesting one. Would you like to hear how Bucky Bunny came to dislike wamen?" "Oh, yes," soid Pinkie, "please tell mel"

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"Well, It all started lost summer, during that
ladong hoat wave that withered all the top
leaves in Happy Farest. My, but that was a hot
spell! Even the Duck family had to loave their
pand because the water got so hot. The heat
losted a whole week, as I "member.

"Anyway, on Tuesday of that week, Bucky was at his usual spat in Uncle Ted Bear's Ice Croam Shappe. He was daing the smart thing, finishing up an ice cream soda. Being extro hungry for ico creom this hat dry day, Bucky was about to order up o dish of vanillo, when he suddenly realized he had no more money.

"When he found he had no money, he wanted the ice cream more than ever. He asked Uncle Ted if he'd extond credit. Now, Uncle Ted Beor is a generous fellow, as you know, but one thing he doesn't like to do is keep books. Giving credit would mean he'd have to keep track of it, and so Uncle Ted sald no te Bucky. Ho said it politely and with a smile, but he did soy no. And that meant Bucky was not obout to get that delish dish of ice cream,

"Well, Pinkle, just obout the time Bucky thought his tongue would reach his boot-tops for want of some smooth, coal ice cream, the

phone rang.

"Mrs. Beaver was calling the Shoppe to tell Uncle Boor she had left a package there Instead of carrying It home as she had planned, and she wanted to know If he could have it delivered for her. Uncle Ted sald he'd see what he cauld do and hung up the phone.

"'Hey, there, Bucky', Mr. Bear called, 'here's a way yau might earn some money for Ice creaml Take this carton over to Mrs. Beaver's

place'.

"Of course Bucky grabbed the white quart corton from Uncte Ted Bear without a second

thought. He was a hungry-for-ice-cream rabbit, but he wasn't a lazy rabbit, nosireebobl He stopped only long enough to get the right oddress and oway he went on his bicycle, hold-Ing the poper carton by its wire handle.

"He hurried with the pockage through the dusty heat of the rood, figuring the faster he got there, the more Mrs. Beaver would give him. Shucks, he'd settle for half the carton he was carrying, or even a small part of it. He wondered if she'd give as much as 25 cents. rother than ice creom. He wondered what flavor it was, whether it was chocolote ice cream or vanilla or strowberry or - oh, my but the thought of a dish af goad cold lee cream on this terrible hot day almost made Bucky faint with anticipation—uh—that means he was eoger, Pinkie."

"Yes, Mr. Owl," said Pinkie, eagerly listen-

ing, "Please go on!"

"All right, Pinkie. Just as Bucky reached Crabapple Junction, the 3:14 Limited crossed the tracks. They coll it a 'limited' because It's limited to four cors and four miles an hour, you know. Well, the Limited threw a broke shoe just as it was passing the junction and stalled across the trocks. Of course you could imagine Bucky's feelingsl," said Oscor Owl.

"Oh, yes! Poor Bucky must have been going wild by that time. What did he do?," asked Pinkie. Her eyes were completely dry now, and so was her dress. She lightly brushed away all traces of the mud. In doing so, she seemed to mentally brush owey all thoughts of anger at

Bucky Bunny.

"Well, Pinkie, you know how Crobapple. Junction is laid out. The only way oround a stalled troin is across that flooded gully. Bucky had to swim the gully on his back with the white carton balanced on his tummy. It meant leaving his bicycle, and it meant he'd have to run the rest of the way to Mrs. Beaver's home. After all, he didn't want the contents to be ruined by the time he got to her hause.

"Ta make better time, Bucky cut through Porky Porcupine's back yard-and you know how mad that makes Porkyl Parky came out of his house bristling mad-and he came straight at Bucky Bunny with his barbs out! Bucky took off across the ground like a shatgun shell, looking backword so as to stay away from old Porky's needles - when WHAM! He tripped over a brick and went sailing through the oir as pretty as you please, happy to escape Porky's pin-cushion - only to lond on a borbed-wire fence!" Old Oscar loughed at this.

"Was he hurt bodly?," Pinkie asked with

"Well, he didn't ride his bicylce for obout a week ofterwards - let me put it that way. Anyway, it took him about five more minutes of hard running to get to Mrs. Beaver's home. but he made it. Bucky was worn and torn and hot, but the pockage was still in good shape. There was no sign of any ice cream melting through it at oll!

"Mrs. Beover was very pleased with his fast delivery and asked him into the kitchen. She even offered him some of the contents of the

corton," said Old Oscar.

"Then he got his Ice creom?" yelled Pinkle. "Noopog," need Old Oscar, "What she loid in front of him was a dishful of sour picklest Mrs. Beaver had left the pickles in Uncle Ted's Shoppe while having a soda and had forgotten It. Bucky had just assumed it was ice cream, and no one had bothered to tell him he was carrying a carton of sour picklest," chuckled Old Oscar Owl.

"Did he eat them then? Gee, he must have

been modl," exclaimed Pinkie.

"Well, Pinkie," Old Oscar went on, "no one knows exactly what happened then. I never dld hear Bucky or Mrs. Beaver talk about it. But I do know that from that day on Mrs. Beaver has hoted rabbits like poison, and Bucky - well - he's sour on women and pickles. And I don't know what's ever going to change him."

About this time a sty look came over Pinkle Rabbit, "Well, now that I know that about Bucky, maybe it wouldn't hurt to try to change his mind - obout women and girls, anyway,

she said.

"How's that?" questianed Old Oscar.

Pinkie answered him over her shoulder, as she happed briskly homeward. "Oh, nothing," she said, "except that everyone says I make the most delicious ice cream io the forest!"

And that, incidentally, is how Old Oscar found out that there's only one thing smarter than a wise old owl - and that's a woman. Any kind of a woman.

The End

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